Stonewall Jackson and Gen. Gregg. The death of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's The death of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's famous war horse was appropriately celebrated at the Soldiers' home, across the Potomac, by the half-masted flag. A true hero had bestrode him, and never was horse more dutiful to his rider. After the battle of Fredericksburg Gen. Jackson was sleeping in his tent. About dawn of the next day the general's faithful colored man, Jim, who was the exact hue of the steed he groomed, roused his master and said: "Marse Thomas, Gen. Maxey Gregg sends word he's going to die before morning and wants you to come and see him He's sorry for that impulsive note he wrote you and asks your pardon. I'se got your horse ready." Jackson jumped ap promptly and said: "Jim, I will go at once. God bless Gen. Gregg and save him."

As Jackson was about to mount, he saw that the horse was not his old sorrel, and complained about it. Jim promptly an-swered: "He was not fitten for you, general. You rode him all day yesterday and he's not fitten. But just as soon as the first bung [bomb] bursts, I'll have him for you sure."—Washington Cor. Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

The First Blood of the War.

When, on the night of April 18, 1861, the Pennsylvania troops filed into the rotunda, they were followed by the customary black man, who in those days attended military organizations to carry the target. This descendant of Ethiopia had been roughly handled by the Baltimore hoodloms, and when he entered the rotunda he caved around with an air of satisfaction. gazed around with an air of satisfaction, as though he thought that at last he was as though he thought that at last he was safe. Taking off his cap, he pulled from his head a handkerchief saturated with blood from a wound inflicted with a brick, and as he went through the rotunda the blood dropped from the handkerchief along the stone floor. the stone floor.

This was the first blood of the war. I parrated the incident to Governor Curtin, of Boston, the following year. He ex-pressed surprise that he had never heard of it, and on his return sent one of his staff to Pottersville to see if the colored man was still there. He found him rejoicing in the name of Nicholas Biddle, and he had him photographed, kindly sending me one of the photos.—Ben Perley Poore in Bos-

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